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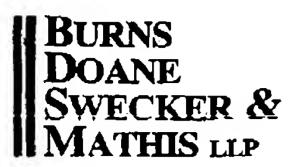
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER						
		Commissioner for Patents on, D.C. 20231				
Sir:						
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cj	X]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.				
ĺ	]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.				
[	1	Also enclosed is/are				
[	[ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
[	]	Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).				
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[	1	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.				
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### **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 5, 2002, the period for response having been extended until March 5, 2003, by a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

A marked-up version of the claims showing insertions and deletions appears in attached Appendix A. Please replace Claims 1, 4, 10-12, 15, 25 and 34, and add now Claims 43-74, as follows:

1. (Amended) A cut filler composition comprising tobate at least on addition other than aluminum oxide capable of acting as an oxidant for the same sion of carbons is

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